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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

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TAGS: PFOR, UR, US, OTRA (BUKOVSKIY, VLADIMIR)
SUBJ: REQUEST BY VLADIMIR BUKOVSKIY TO MEET WITH
PRESIDENT CARTER

1. VLADIMIR TELNIKOFF, WELL-KNOWN SOVIET EXILE AND
FRIEND OF VLADIMIR BUKOVSKIY, CALLED AT EMBASSY ON
FEBRUARY 11 TO REQUEST, ON BUKOVSKIY'S BEHALF, A
MEETING BETWEEN BUKOVSKIY AND PRESIDENT CARTER.

2. BUKOVSKIY, WHO HAS BEEN INVITED TO THE UNITED
STATES BY GEORGE MEANY, PRESENTLY PLANS TO LEAVE
LONDON FOR THE US ON AR ABOUT FEBRUARY 20. HE WILL
BE ACCOMPANIED ON THIS TRIP BY TELNIKOFF, AND THEY
WILL REMAIN IN THE US FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

3. ACCORDING TO TELNIKOFF, BUKOVSKIY HAS NOTED PRESS
REPORTS THAT WHITE HOUSE WOULD "GIVE CONSIDERATION"
TO SUCH A MEETING IF IT WERE REQUESTED BY BUKOVSKIY;
THUS, BUKOVSKIY NOW MAKES SUCH A REQUEST. (TELNIKOFF
EXPLAINED THAT BUKOVSKIY UNABLE TO COME TO EMBASSY
PERSONALLY, AS HE IS IN CAMBRIDGE TODAY AND LEAVES FOR
PARIS TOMORROW.)

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4. IN ADDITION TO MEANY, BUKOVSKIY EXPECTS TO SEE
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AND "PERHAPS OTHERS" IN THE
UNITED STATES. IF PRESIDENT CARTER ACCEDES TO HIS
REQUEST FOR A MEETING, BUKOVSKIY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
THIS MEETING HIS FIRST IN THE US AND THEREFORE HOPES
IT COULD BE SCHEDULED SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, IF

SUCH SCHEDULING CONVENIENT TO THE PRESIDENT.

5. WE INFORMED TELNIKOFF THAT WE WOULD TRANSMIT THIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY AND WOULD CONTACT HIM AS SOON AS ANY REPLY RECEIVED. WE SAID WE DID NOT THINK PUBLICITY REGARDING THE REQUEST WOULD BE HELPFUL TO EITHER SIDE AT THIS POINT, AND WE WOULD THEREFORE MAKE NO MENTION OF THE REQUEST TO THE PRESS. IF ASKED (AND ONLY IF ASKED), HOWEVER, WE WOULD SAY, "THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO WASHINGTON A MESSAGE FROM MR. BUKOVSKIY TO PRESIDENT CARTER. IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO DISCUSS THE CONTENTS OF A PERSONAL MESSAGE, AND WE THEREFORE DEFER TO WASHINGTON FOR ANY FURTHER COMMENTS." TELNIKOFF CONCURRED IN THIS APPROACH AND ASSURED US THAT NEITHER HE NOR BUKOVSKIY PLANNED TO REVEAL THE REQUEST TO THE PRESS.

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